Dean MacQuigg Receives Morehead Medal

CHARLES ELLISON MACQUIGG, Dean of Engineering at Ohio State University, was given the James Turner Morehead Medal of the International Acetylene Association at a dinner in his honor Monday, January 24, at the Union League Club, New York, for "advancing the oxy-acetylene processes through metallurgical research, and for leadership in welding engineering education."

The Morehead Medal is awarded annually by the International Acetylene Association in recognition of outstanding work in the acetylene industry or for advancement in the production or use of calcium carbide. The medal is awarded in honor of the late James Turner Morehead, who sponsored the experiments which led to the discovery of the modern electric-furnace method of producing calcium carbide, from which the acetylene industry has sprung.

In addition to his duties as Dean of Engineering, Dean MacQuigg is also Head of the Engineering Experiment Station, member of the War Metallurgy Committee of the National Academy of Sciences; chairman of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education; Regional Director of the War Manpower Commission, Engineering Science and Management War Training Division; and director and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Orton Foundation.

During over thirty years in numerous types of metallurgical activities, Dean MacQuigg has had a part in extensive research and development work on welds and materials for welding. He was long the guiding force of the Tests and Specifications Committee of the Compressed Gas Manufacturers Association in the testing and development of cylinders for transportation of oxygen, acetylene, and other compressed gases. Pioneer work under his direction, specifically in developing high-strength steel, bronze, and stainless steel rods for oxy-acetylene welding, has served as a foundation for many recent researches in this field.

In engineering education, Dean MacQuigg holds an equally prominent place. Shortly after accepting his present position, he was instrumental in developing and establishing here the first, and still the only, complete four-year curriculum in welding engineering, leading to a baccalaureate degree in this subject. The success of this program has been followed by a growing interest and the later encouragement and establishment of many courses in welding engineering at other universities.

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Prior to his appointment as Dean in 1938, Mr. MacQuigg was manager of Union Carbide and Carbon Research Laboratories. Before beginning his services with that corporation in 1919, he was for five years head of the Department of Metallurgy at Pennsylvania State College.

Dean MacQuigg is a member of Tau Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity and of Sigma Xi, honorary scientific fraternity, as well as of the American Society for Testing Materials, American Society for Metals, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, American Iron and Steel Institute, Compressed Gas Manufacturers Association, American Welding Society, Army Ordnance Association, Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities, and Newcomen Society.

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